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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST
FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 28, 2006, the period of response to which extends through October 30, 2006, because October 28, 2006 falls on a Saturday, entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.